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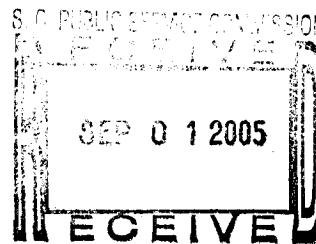
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August 31, 2005

Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni
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Re: Request for Extended Calling Area from Bluffton/Sun City Hilton Head
Area to Hilton Head Island
PSC Docket No. 2005-204-C
Motion for Forty-Five Day Extension

Dear Mr. Terreni:

On July 19, 2005, the Public Service Commission issued Order No. 2005-382 in the above referenced Docket requesting that the Office of Regulatory Staff investigate the costs of providing an Extended Calling Area from the Bluffton / Sun City Hilton Head area to Hilton Head Island and any possible alternatives to extended area calling. The Order further requested that ORS make its report and recommendation to the Commission within sixty (60) days of the order.

As part of its investigation, ORS has asked Hargray and Bluffton Telephone Companies to provide information as to the costs associated with providing such an extended area calling service. As evidenced by the enclosed letter, ORS was recently informed that Hargray will need an additional thirty (30) days to provide the information requested. Such an extension would not give ORS the ability to comply with the current deadline set by Order No. 2005-382. Additionally, ORS would need some time to evaluate this analysis in order to determine the feasibility of any alternatives to extended area calling. Therefore, ORS respectfully requests the Commission consider this letter as ORS's Motion for a forty-five (45) day extension in the time required to file the results of its investigation. ORS believes the cost analysis being performed is necessary to the investigation and will provide a better evaluation of the issues involved.

The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni

August 31, 2005

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter, and please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

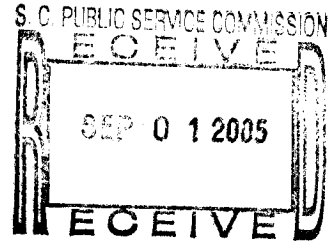
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Benjamin P. Mustian

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Donald A. Cotnoir
Mr. Bob Labonte, Hargray Communications
M. John Bowen, Jr., Esquire

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2005-204-C



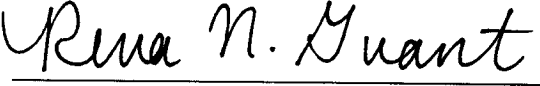
IN RE: Request for Extended Calling Area)
From Bluffton/Sun City Hilton Head)
Area to Hilton Head Island) **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**
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This is to certify that I, Rena Grant, an employee with the Office of Regulatory Staff, have this date served one (1) copy of the **Letter regarding Motion for Forty-Five (45) Day Extension** in the above-referenced matter to the person(s) named below by causing said copy to be deposited in the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and affixed thereto, and addressed as shown below:

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August 31, 2005
Columbia, South Carolina



August 29, 2005

Jim McDaniel
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In Re: Docket No. 2005-204-C - Request for Extended Calling Area from Bluffton/Sun City to Hilton Head Island

Dear Mr. McDaniel:

Hargray and Bluffton Telephone Companies are utilizing the services of John Stauralakis, Inc. and Communications Data Group to investigate the costs associated with providing extended area calling service from the Bluffton/Sun City area to Hilton Head Island. Both companies are working diligently to produce a report that will satisfy the requests of Docket No. 2005-204-C - Order No. 2005-382, however thirty (30) days was not enough time. With this letter I am requesting a thirty (30) day extension.

Hargray looks forward to working with the ORS and the Commission on this issue and appreciates the additional time required to provide the best evaluation as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dewaine J. Wilson', written in a cursive style.

Dewaine J. Wilson